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the story so far...

In junior high, Ai Maekawa was a pre-geek – a plain, nerdy wallflower who never attracted anyone's attention. But after a dramatic incident of public humiliation, Ai vowed to change her life forever. In hopes of getting a fresh start, she made herself over into a slender, gorgeous babe before entering high school. Though Ai has achieved her dream of becoming beautiful, she's still adjusting to the delights and hazards of her new life, including her on-again, off-again relationship with dashing classmate Sō. Ai is vexated with anxiety over her lack of sexual experience – she feels horribly naive compared to her friends, especially Sō, and fears she'll prove the cruel taunts of her junior high classmates true by remaining a virgin until she's 50. Ai and Sō's romance is complicated further by the appearance of Saburako, the girl whom Sō's parents want her to marry. Ai has proven her superiority over Saburako, but her troubles aren't over yet.



Ai Maekawa

Ai, our heroine, is still getting used to life as a popular gal.



Sō Ichinose

Sō, a cool and aloof guy, is now Ai's boyfriend.



Yūichirō Kato

Yūichirō, Sō's best friend since childhood, has a desperate, futile crush on Ai.



Mina Sato

Ai's best friend Mina, a trendy, super-lam Ka-Gal, is madly in love with Yūichirō.

double!!!

Chapter 24





✿ Mina ✿

Her character was so useful that I ended up making her a regular. Plus, she's easy to draw...











NOT
THAT
I KNOW
OF.



UNIVERSITIES
AREN'T YOUR
ONLY OPTION.
A SCHOLARLY
LIFE ISN'T
THE ONLY
PATH TO
HAPPINESS...

I'M ABOUT
TO HAND OUT
THE RESULTS OF
YOUR
PRACTICE
EXAMS. DON'T GET
UPSET IF YOU
DIDN'T DO
TO WELL.



Hum...



OF
COURSE

AND



WE
SHOULD
KILL
YOU,
OLD
MAN!

I'M SURE
SOME OF
YOU ARE
BORN
FOR A LIFE
OF CRIME.
MAYBE YOU
CAN SPIN
YOUR WAY
IN.

EVEN IF YOU
DO GET IN,
THERE'S
ALWAYS
GONNA BE
SOMEONE
WHO THINKS
YOUR SCHOOL
ISN'T GOOD
ENOUGH...



FY1...

A: WITH ACCEPTANCE RAGE!

B: ACCEPTANCE WILL REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL EFFORT!

C: SIGNIFICANT EFFORT REQUIRED

D: ACCEPTANCE UNLIKELY

UNIVERSITY EVALUATION

UNIVERSITY	GRADE	PER
G UNIVERSITY	D	
A GAKUIN UNIVERSITY	B	
2	B	



... YOU
GOT
A D?

PAT

... NO
WONDER
YOU
WANTED
TO HIDE
IT.

YOU
BITCH!

I TOLD
YOU!!





*A kappa is a Japanese water imp.







LET'S
GO.

PAT



LEAVING
SOON?

CHECK
HER OUT.
WHAT'S A
GIRL LIKE
THAT
DOING IN
A PLACE
LIKE THIS..

A
UNIFORM
SHE
MUST
STILL BE
IN HIGH
SCHOOL.

I REALLY
WANT TO
GO TO
UNIVERSITY
WITH SO, BUT
I HAVEN'T
TOLD
HER YET.



NOT THAT SHE'S EVEN WORTHY TO BE MY ENEMY...

...BUT I'M SACK OF LOOKING AT HER.



SIBL...

AT CHAN SURE TURNS HEADS



SHE'S AN EYE-SORE, IF YOU ASK ME...



WOOW

WHAT WAS THAT SWELL! MY DEAR BODY HE FOUND THE WILL TO LIVE!

I COULD EAT THREE BOWLS OF RICE FLAVORED ONLY WITH THAT GIRL'S SCENT!



In Japanese, "WAA" sounds sort of similar to "Rock 'n Roll!" The author is suggesting a musical theme.





I JUST
CAN'T
SLEEP
WHILE
ONE
WOMAN
TALKS
TRASH
ABOUT
ANOTHER.



WHAT-
EVER,
SINCE
WHEN IS
HE NOT
SERIOUS?



PLEASE!
I REALLY
WANT TO
CHECK
OUT THEIR
ENGLISH
CLASSES
AND I DON'T
WANT TO GO
BY MYSELF

THAT
PLACE IS
SPECIAL.
A BUNCH
OF
MOUNTAIN-
CLIMBING
WINNERS
AND LOSERS.



WHAT?!
NO WAY.
I'M NOT
GOING
BACK
THERE!

Doubt!! Backstory

Let me take this opportunity to tell you how *Doubt!!* came to be (in its original format). It all started like this. .

(Part 1)

I put together several concepts to pitch to my editor. I actually didn't think "DOUBT!!" was the strongest of the bunch and I kind of hoped it wouldn't get picked. .





SO-RUN
WILL BE
ALONG
SOON HE'S
PLANNING
AN ERAND
FOR ONE
OF OUR
TEACHERS...

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?



AND I WAS
HOPING TO
GET A
CHANCE TO
APOLOGISE.



UNFORTUNATELY,
POOL CHASES
LIKE YOURSELF
END UP
BEING HURT.
I APOLOGISE
THAT YOU'VE
GOTTEN MIXED
UP IN ALL
OF THIS...



SO-RUN
HAS A
DEPLOR-
ABLE
HISTORY
WITH
WOMEN...

APOLO-
GISE,
SOUNDING
THAT
TACK-
HEADED...



HE DOESN'T
MEAN ANY
HARM, IT'S
JUST HIS WAY
OF REBELLING
AGAINST HIS
PARENTS. THEY
CARE FOR ME, SO
HE SETS BACK
AT THEM BY
POOLING
AROUND WITH
OTHER WOMEN...

WHAT?! HOW
DARE SHE?
THE OLD
"I'M
SORRY-MY-
HUSBAND'S-
BEEN-
BOTHERING-
YOU"
ATTACK!!



IN HIS
GILFRIEND
WHEN
DOES SHE
GET OFF
ACTING
LIKE SHE'S
HIS WIFE.

MUST
C-C-CLIM
DOWN
CAN'T LET
MY TEMPER
GET THE
BEST OF
ME.



PLEASED IT
WASNT
A HOME-
RUN,
BUT IT
WAS
STILL
A HIT.



YOU
DONT
HAVE
WHAT IT
TAKES TO
SATISFY
HER,
SUGOI-KO.









AND
SOMEBODY
HAS TO
TEACH HER
A LESSON,
RIGHT...?
WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR? WHY
ARE YOU
STILL HERE?"

I'M SAYING
CARPE
DIEM,
YOUNG MAN!
THAT LITTLE
SLUT IS
PRACTICALLY
BEGGING
FOR IT...
IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU'D BE
HER FIRST.



OH-
SIDES...



MUTTER
SHE'S
JUST
A
BEGGAR...

MUTTER
AN
UPPITY,
SELF-
IMPORT-
ANT
WAGTAIL...



MUTTER
SANDRARD
ACTS ALL
GLASSY,
BUT
THAT'S
JUST A
FRONT...







WHAT?
YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
TOO
GOOD
FOR ME?



NOOO
!!



SARU-
RINDO,
WHERE'S
AT?





GOOD LUCK,
DON'T RUN!
GOOD LUCK AND
GOOD SPEED...

AND THAT
WAS THE
FIRST TIME
SARAH
EVER
WISHED GOOD
FORTUNE ON
SOMEONE
ELSE...



WELL,
SURE!
WANDERING
BY
ENEMIES
ALWAYS
BRIGHTENS
MY DAY...



DEATHS
ARE
HERE
HIE!

YOU'RE
SURE
HAVING
FUN!



WHERE
IS A?







YEAH,
I'M
SURE
YOU'LL
DO VERY
WELL...
IN
PRISON!



LET GO
OF ME,
YOU
IDIOT!

YANK

KICK

OUCH!
WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?



SO I
FAILED
THE FIRST
TIME. SO
WHAT?
MY INNO
SAYS
I'VE GOT
POTENTIAL!

IDIOT!
I'M
NOT
AN
IDIOT!



DASH

DASH

DASH

DASH



READY
FOR
WHAT?
?

YOU
BITCH
GET
READY
FOR ME—

THUD

GLANG



DASH

DASH

DASH





I DON'T
ACTUALLY
LIKE
SO MUCH
THAT
MUCH.



YOUR
QUEST IN
THESE P
SHOULD
I GET
HELP I
AND...
WANT A
BETTER



ADDN!
ADDN!
ADDN!



—**FOR
TECHNICAL
TO
HELP.**

100

I'M
TRYING
TO
TEACH
YOU A
LIFE
LESSON

IT JUST
DREAMT TO
ME TO SEE
SOMEONE
CHOOSING
A WOMAN
OF YOUR
CLASS.





YOU'RE
ABOUT AS
CUNNING
AS A
FOUR-
YEAR-
OLD...

YOU
ONLY
WANT TO
PRETEND
LIKE YOU
DON'T,
FOR THE
SAKE
OF YOUR
PRIDE!



YOU LOVE
SCHURRY!
YOU HAVE
A BIG FAT
CRUSH!
THAT'S
THE ONLY
REASON
YOU'D BARK
SO LOW!



YOU
PATHETIC
FOOL!



I COULD
NOT
POSSIBLY
LOVE A
GIRL
LIKE YOU

STEP
ASIDE,
THEN



WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAY-
ING?



SARU-
PANDA



IF
YOU DO
THAT
AGAIN, I'LL
BREAK
YOUR
NOSE.



WLP!



I'M A
BRUTE
LIKE
THAT.

I'LL
DO IT,
TOO. I'LL
PUNCH A
WOMAN
IN THE
NOSE...



CLENCH

...ANDREW
REALIZED
THAT SHE
TRULY
LOVED
HIM

AT
THAT
MO-
MENT



AS
FOR
AL

YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
I CAN'T
SET
MYSELF
UP TO GO
UNIVERSITY
ON MY
OWN.

YOU'LL
JUST
HAVE TO
PREPARE
FOR THE
EXAM ON
YOUR
OWN.

HA HA HA!
YOU SET
A NEW
RECORD
EVERY
ONE. DON'T
YOU?

THAT
DE-
PENDS
ON ME.

CAUTION

I'M AFRAID
WE CAN'T
HAVE YOU
CAUSING
TROUBLE
AT OUR
SCHOOL.

...AND
BURNED THE
DISTINCTION
OF BECOMING
THE FIRST
PUNISHED
STUDENT
SENT AWAY
FROM
THAT GRAM
SCHOOL.





I COULD
GIVE YOU
A COPY
OF MY
SCHOOL'S
GUIDE
HAND-
BOOK.

WHY
DON'T
YOU
APPLY
TO A
UNIVERSITY,
TOO?



BLAZING

LITTLE DID
ANYONE
KNOW
HOW
MUCH
HILL THAT
DAY

—
AREN'T
DOWN
WITH
HILL
THEY
MUST BE
FORGOTTEN

The
girl
said



WOMEN
...

WOULD
YOU
PLEASE?



SURE,
I'LL ONLY
CHARGE
YOU
HALF
PRICE

WHAT
IS
IT?



Chapter 25

GOOD,
LOOKING
SMART,
ATHLETIC—
A REGULAR
JUNIOR
CONGRESS-
MAN!

MY BOY-
FRIEND
IS LIKE
A PRINCE
ON A
WHITE
STALLION

BUT...

LATELY I'VE
FOUND
MYSELF
WILLING TO
TRADE AWAY
THE WHITE
STEED IF
ONLY HE'D
ACT JUST A
LITTLE BIT...
NORMAL.

AL
CHECK
IT
OUT—

HEY, I
JUST
SAW
THAT
GIRL'S
PARTNER!

HA
HA
HA

—THERE ARE
MOMENTS
WHEN
I CAN'T
HELP BUT
WONDER...
WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH
THAT
BOY?!

doubt!!

Chapter 25



IT'S
CUTE, BUT
RABBITS"
DON'T
SHOW MUCH
EMOTION.



GAZING
AT THE
MOON...



"Instead of a "man in the
moon," people in Japan
see a "rabbit in the moon."



Yuichiro

I'd planned a big comeback for him at the end, but I ran out of time and pages...
He was very popular...
lots of women felt sorry for him.





...TO
VISIT
KITTY-
LAND
WITH
MY
BOY-
FRIEND.

IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN A
DREAM
OF
MINE
—







I KNOW
YOU
LOVE
ME,
TOOL.

MORE
THAN
ANYONE
ELSE IN
JAPAN...
I BELIEVE
IN THE
UNIVERSITY?

**WHAT
...?!**



**JUST
GET
IT
OVER
WITH!**

...EVERY
PERSON
WATCH-
ING WAS
THINKING
THE VERY
SAME
THINGS.

What
were you
guys
saying?



IF WE
BREAK
UP, I'LL
CRY.

**T
U
R
N**



The
reason
to be
here.



POSS
POSS

a life
dream.

HOW CAN
SHE BE SO
CONFIDENT...
WITH THAT
FACE??
BEFORE
I MADE MY-
SELF ONE,
I COULDN'T
EVEN TALK
TO A BOY!

AND I STILL
CAN'T ASK
MY BOY-
FRIEND TO
TAKE ME
TO KATY-
LAND!



WHAT KIND
OF GUY
WOULD
DATE A
WOMAN
LIKE
THAT?

IT'S AS
THOUGH
THEY'RE
OBSERVING
THE
MATING
HABITS
OF
BIRDS.

SHE'S SO
CAUGHT
UP, SHE
DOESN'T
EVEN
REALIZE
PEOPLE
ARE
WATCH-
ING.

IN MY
HEART
IS
TRAINING
IN TWO!

THE
SPECTATORS
DON'T
REALLY
CARE
ABOUT
THEM.

EVERY
NOW AND
THEN, YOU
SEE A
COUPLE
LIKE
THAT...

WHAT
— P!

HE'S
CUTE!!

HOW
CAN
IT
BE?



"Senpai" is a title given to someone older, of higher social status, or academically superior





OOF...

HE
MADE ME
PRETEND
TO BE
HIS GIRL-
FRIEND
ALL DAY
YESTER-
DAY...



THAT
WOMAN
IS UGLY.
UGLY,
UGLY,
UGLY!!



WHAT'S
NICE
ABOUT
HER?
ANYWAY,
THE GIRL'S
GONE
BORROWER.

SO
WHAT?
BUT SHE'S
ALREADY
GONE.



ALL YES,
WHEN AN
UGLY GIRL
CALLS YOU
UGLY IT'S
A SPECIAL
THING, HUH?

IT'D BEEN
A LONG
TIME
SINCE ANY-
ONE SAID
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
TO ME...
IT WAS
COLD.





YOU THINK I COULDN'T BE SERIOUS ABOUT AN UGLY ONE?



I BET YOU WEREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT HER TO BEGIN WITH. SERVES YOU RIGHT—

HEY! I WAS TOO.



SHE STILL DOESN'T BELIEVE ME! CAN YOU PRETEND TO BE MY GIRLFRIEND A LITTLE LONGER?



THE... THE ALMA-CITY!



UGLY GIRLS TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR MEN BECAUSE THEY FEEL LUCKY!.

YOU KNOW WHAT? I PREFER UGLY GIRLS...







HE THINKS
I'M TOO
ACCOM-
MODATING,
BUT I'M
NOT!



Doubt!! Backstory

(Part 2)

I have trouble
saying the names
of my characters
out loud. It makes
me feel dizzy.
Whenever I have
no choice but to
refer to them...

Will you treat
the uniform
as the white-
haired one...?
And the
black-haired
one, too.

By the way...

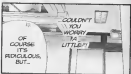
White-haired one



Black-haired one



The long-haired one, the dark-skinned
one, the mouth-filling specialist, etc.





IF THAT'S
THE PLAN,
YOU'LL HAVE
TO BRING
ALONG A
BETTER
GUY.

YOU
WANT
ME
TO GET
JEALOUS
...



REALLY?
YOU
THOUGHT
THAT?

I THOUGHT
YOU
HATED
SÔ-SAN.

THE
LAST
TIME
I SAW HIM.



DON'T
TALK
ABOUT
YESTER-
DAY!

OR
ANY
TIME!

SÔ-SAN
IS
AWESOME.



OHAY,
SOME-
TIMES



HE'S
COOL.
ALREADY
MAN.
FROM A
GOOD
FAMILY.

SURE,
I HAD
SOME
ISSUES
WITH
SÔ-SAN IN
THE PAST,
BUT THAT'S
THE PAST.







DAWRIT
-
THE ONE I
WANT



IT'S NOT LIKE CELL PHONES
ARE ESSENTIAL
SURVIVAL
TOOLS...

CORON, WHEN
ARE YOU GOING
JOIN THE REST OF
US IN THIS CENTURY?

YOU
SAYING
WHAT?

WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT
A CELL PHONE? IT'S
HARD TO REACH
YOU OTHERWISE

SCREW
I'M
LATE!



IF
ANYBODY
ASKS



AI
DOESN'T
LOOK
AT HIM
THAT
WAY.



YOU'RE
COOL
WITH
THAT?

YEAH,
HE'S
ALL
OVER
AI
LATELY,
RIGHT?

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?



SO,
ABOUT
MURURA



I HEARD
AI-CHAN
PROMISE
MURURA
THEY'D
VISIT
KITTYLAND
TOGETHER.

YOU
MEAN
GUS?

YEP.



OHNOSE-
KUN,
I'VE GOT
BAD
NEWS,
BUDDY...

WHAT
IS
IT?



BUT WHY
WAS SHE
WHAT
KIND-OF
TASTE
DID
SHE
HAVE?

DAD
TASTE



I
THOUGHT
I
HATED
MILK!

BUT
NOW
AM
SUPPOSED
TO
KNOW
GAY
YOU
THINK
OF
A
REASON
SHE'D
SMELL
ANOTHER
GUY?

Yes,
Sir



I
CAN
THINK
OF...
A
LOT...



DON'T
ASK
ME!

WHY
IN
GOD'S
NAME
?!



WHILE
THE
GUY
WAS
SLEEPING
AT
HOMES...



That's
right

SHE
FOGOT
YOU
RIGHT?

AMERICA
THOUGHT HE
WANTED TO
GO WITH HER,
AS THOUGHT
HE COULD
HAVE BOTH
TICKETS
AND SHE'D
TAKE HIM

WHAT
SHOULD
I HEAR?

...GIGGLING
WITH
DELIGHT...
IN
ANTICIPA-
TION OF
HER
TRIP TO
KITTLAND
!!



BACK TO
JUNIOR
HIGH, BOYS
AVOIDED
HER LIKE
THE PLAGUE
BECAUSE
OF HER
CUTTING



② TEA P TEA P TEA P
LA LA LA LA LA LA



YO.



RIGHT
NOW?
SURE,
BUT IT'S
LATE.

WHAT?
RELAX
WHERE?



HELLO?
OH,
SO
MUM?



...WE'RE
GOING TO
KITTYLAND
THIS
WEEKEND!





DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD?

Oh, you're so weird, huh?

...YOU DON'T LIKE THE IDEA?

Longing, whispered with a sigh



WELL, I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA, BUT...

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY...?

Is she trying to pick a fight or what?



YOU REALLY LIKE HIM?

Primarily

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?



IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T LIKE HIM?

What can I do?



NOTHING, I GUESS. I JUST DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THAT TYPE.



**YOU
MEAN,
"A
PATTY
LOVER"
...?!**

**THAT
TYPE
...?!**



**SO,
WE'RE
BREAKING
UP OVER
THEM...?**



**HUH?!
WE'RE
BREAKING
UP OVER
PATTY
CAT?!
WHAT?**



I'M DONE.
YOU AND MIMURA
GO WHEREVER
YOU WANT.



THAT
IS
NOT
JUST
A
LITTLE
THING!

HOW
COULD
YOU...?
OVER
A
LITTLE
THING
LIKE
THIS...?



DON'T
TRY
TO
CONFUSE
ME
WITH
DIPLO-
MACY!

WHAT?

I UNDER-
STAND
WE HAVE
DIFFERENT
TASTES,
BUT AUNT
COULDN'T
SUPPOSED
TO ENRAGE
THEIR
DIFFERENCES!



WHAT'S
MIMURA
GOT
TO DO
WITH
THIS?
?!



FLAT
FOOT





OF COURSE I'M COMING, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU'RE COMING?

BUT YOU SAID I COULD

HUH?



SO KUN WOULD NEVER LET ME PICK THE TIME...

WHAT TIME DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KITTLAND THIS WEEKEND? I'LL GO WHENEVER YOU WANT.



WHAT?

SORRY SORRY



BLUSH

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME BOTH TICKETS... I'M SORRY, I MISUNDERSTOOD.



YOU AND HARUKA GO WHENEVER YOU WANT.





BUT THAT
DOESN'T
CHANGE
THE FACT
THAT YOU'RE
UNHAPPY.
YOU STILL
THINK I'M
INCONSIDER-
ATE.



**ICY
SMILE
#2!**



WELL,
NO
ONE IS
PERFECT
HE
INCLUDED

HE'S
SWEET
THAT'S
SO
GOOD



SHOULD
I FOLD
OVER
AGAIN?



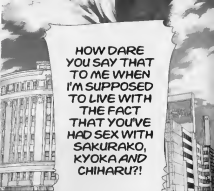
IF YOU CAN'T
LIVE WITH
THAT, MAYBE
YOU SHOULD
DATE SOME-
ONE ELSE.

SO



I'M PRETTY
SET IN MY
WAYS, YOU
KNOW?
TOUGH TO
CHANGE.





HOW DARE
YOU SAY THAT
TO ME WHEN
I'M SUPPOSED
TO LIVE WITH
THE FACT
THAT YOU'VE
HAD SEX WITH
SAKURAKO,
KYOKA AND
CHIHARU?!



FRIGGIN' MORON!!
SINCE
WHEN
DO YOU
TALK LIKE
THAT?

SINCE
RIGHT
THIS
MINUTE
!!

I TREAT
YOU WELL
BECAUSE
I LOVE YOU.
HOW HARD
IS THAT
TO UNDER-
STAND, YOU
FRIGGIN'
MORON!!

I NEVER
SAID IT WAS
A PRIZE!
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO'S
ALWAYS
BRINGING
OVER
SAGGIN' BODIES

YOU THINK
YOU'RE
SOME KIND
OF PRIZE
JUST
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
GOOD-
LOOKING?!



...IF YOU
CAN'T LIVE
WITH THAT,
MAYBE YOU
SHOULD
DATE
SOMEONE
ELSE.

WE'RE NOT
BREAKING
UP BECAUSE
I DON'T
ACCOMMODATE
YOU, SO RUN.
IT'S BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
ACCOMMODATE
ME.





LIKE A SOAP OPERA

THAT WAS FUN TO WATCH.



AND I WON...!

I SAID IT...
I FINALLY SAID IT...!



NOOOO!

We'll still apply good!

SHE WON THE BATTLE, BUT IN DOING SO, SHE TURNED THEM INTO ONE OF THOSE COUPLES!



A FEW DAYS LATER

MURRAY

15HR



LOVE MAKES PEOPLE STUPID. THAT'S A FACT.



WHAT SHOULD I SAY?
SOME-
THING
SPORTY?

WANT
ME TO
BRING
YOU BACK
SOME-
THING?

SO-KUN
Said
HEY-GO
WITH ME
AFTER
ALL!



I GOT
THE
MONEY,
CAN I GET
THOSE
KITTY-AND-
TICKETS
NOW?

DUSTY-DUSTY



NO!!

FWIFF



WHEN LOVE
MAKES YOU
BEHAVE
LIKE AN
IDiot, TAKE
CARE NOT
TO BURN
DOWN ANY
BUILDINGS,
OKAY?

I'M BURN-
ING THE
TICKETS...
ALONG
WITH ALL MY
MEMORIES
OF SAKO!!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!

Dearest Readers of DOUBT!!

At this point, the series moved from "Bessatsu Shōjo Comics" to "Betsucomi," which forced me to change the tone and direction a little. It's best to read the remaining chapters in one sitting.

There were so many things that I didn't get a chance to do before the series was cancelled. The only reason I was even able to bring it to a conclusion was because you all showed your support. All joking aside (which is unusual for me), I want to express my heartfelt appreciation.

Thank you
so much!

Izumi



doubt!!

Chapter ♥ 26





LIFE
DELIVERS
US OUR
WORST MIS-
FORTUNES
AT THE
HEIGHT OF
OUR BLISS

THERE'S
A SAYING-
"CLOUDS OVER
THE MOON
A STORM OVER
BLOSSOMS."
IT'S THE
OPPOSITE OF
"EVERY CLOUD
HAS A SILVER
LINING"...





HEY!
YOU
DON'T
JUST
SMASH—



FARE-
WELL, MY
FELLOW.
IT WASN'T
MEANT
TO BE...

I ONLY
HAVE
FELLOWS

SIGH...



HEY!
IF YOU'RE
NOT
GOING
TO BUY IT,
JUNKAWA-
SAY, THEN
I WILL!

SAKURU-
RYUKO
?!





LET
GO OR
I WILL
GNAW
YOUR
ARM
OFF!!

I SAID
LET
GO, YOU
DESPERATE
POVERTY-
STRICKEN
BITCH!!



AAAAH!



MAKE
SURE
I LOOK
PERFECT

I NEED
A NEW
OUTFIT...
SHOES,
GAS, THE
WHOLE
DRAM.



SO
ARE
WE!

TA-
THUMP
TA-
THUMP

IT'S
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT I'M
HAVING
A BAD
DAY.











DOESN'T
THAT
MODEL
LOOK A
LITTLE
LIKE
AI-CHAN?



IF YOU
HAIN'T
SEEN HER
BEFORE,
SHE'S
PROBABLY
NOT
VERY
POPULAR.

I
WONDER
IF SHE'S
NEXT? I'VE
NEVER
SEEN HER
BEFORE!
I HOPE SHE
DOES WELL.



OH!
YOU
GONNA
CRY?



A
MODEL
WHO
LOOKS
LIKE
YOU?



IT WAS
ALL THE
SAME OLD
ROUTINE...
NO HINT
OF
CHANGE
UNTIL...



HEH...

NO, I'M NOT GONNA GO...

WE'VE BEEN DATING FOR A YEAR AND A HALF, SO HOW FOOLISH TO THINK I'VE LEARNED A FEW THINGS ABOUT YOUR "SENSE OF HUMOR" IN THAT TIME...



...HE'S MY HONEY. AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, HOW BAD CAN THINGS GET?

JUST LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL BOY...



YEAH! I WOULDN'T EVEN CONSIDER DATING HIM.

WHY? SHE SO DUMB? HE'S NOT THAT GREAT.

CONSIDERING MY FIST, HOW FORTUNATE AM I?

↑
Honey
Don't
stand
on a
dick.

THE DOLL



HEH...

WHY IS LIFE SO UNFAIR?

WHY AREN'T WE LIKE THEM?





HOW
SHE'S
AMAZ-
ING!!

She's not
pretty.
I don't look
like her
at all...



Doubt!! Backstory

Part 5

Even while working on it stress, I have to keep living my life, you know? Living involves eating, which requires cooking, and while I was cooking, I accidentally submerged my hand in a vat of boiling cheese (long story)...

Can you say, "Buenos fondue?"

I buried my right hand so hard it was too painful to grip a pen. I didn't want to tell anyone, though, so I managed to complete the draft by resting my hand in my water heater.

Fondue ?!

I haven't
yet and
sneezing



Wait...
I've never
seen anyone
quite like her
like this.

SOI
DREAMS
THEY
KNOW
EACH
OTHER.



HOWDY!
OR SHINOBU,
A THIRD-
YEAR-
OLD WITH
BLOOD
TYPE AB!

SHE'S
SAKURAKO'S
BIG SISTER
AND I HATE
HER WITH
A FIERCE
PASSION!

WOW,
YOU'RE
OLD
FRIENDS

SHE'S
NOT
MY
FRIEND

I'LL TAKE
THAT AS
A COMPLI-
MENT.
DESIDES

SERIOUSLY?
YOU DON'T
LOOK LIKE
SAKURAKO
AT ALL.

Can't we
be her
sister?





WHAT WOMAN
WOULD
DARE TO
CHALLENGE
ME?

...I'VE GOT
A HOT BODY,
I'M A MODEL,
MY FAMILY IS
RICH, AND
I'M A TIGER
IN BED...



*SHE'S A
NIGHT-
MARE*

...NOW.



SO...



FEAR, I
THROW
A HOUSE
PARTY AND
BURNED
ED SUITS
FROM
SHIRAKU



MY FAMILY
SENT ME
INTO BRILL
BECAUSE
I GOT A HOT
TOO WILD, BUT
AS SOON AS
I GOT THE
MODELING
GIRL THEY LET
ME COME
HOME.

TOO
WILD





NO, I
DON'T



YEAH,
IT'S
WEIRD,
RIGHT?



J
A
B

OH,
COME
ON!
DON'T
EVEN
DENY
IT!

YES

IT'S NO
MATTER
THEY
ENDUP
GLORRY
AND
WEALTH

PRETTY GIRLS
GET WHATEVER
THEY WANT
JUST BECAUSE
THEY'RE PRETTY,
BUT UGLY GIRLS
HAVE TO FIGHT
EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY!

YOU'RE
NOT
HELP-
ING!

IF
SO-CHAN
CHOICES
YOU,
WHA! IT'S
BECAUSE
HE HAS
WEIRD
TASTE IN
WOMEN.

THE
QUESTION
IS DOES
THE FACT
THAT I
LOOK LIKE
SOMEONE
HE DESPISES
HAVE ANY-
THING TO
DO WITH HIS
CHOICE TO
DATE ME? *





SHUKO-
SAN
?!





BUT I DO KNOW
AI MAEKAWA-
CHAN, WHO'S
ONLY 17 YEARS
OLD AND
DRESSED LIKE
A SLOB, AND
WHO THINKS
SHE CAN
SNEAK RIGHT
PAST ME!!

I DON'T
THINK
SO-RUN
HAS
TIME TO
ENTERTAIN
YOU...

OH,
HILL,
MAKE
TIME...



HE...
I'M
SORRY.
MAYBE I
SHOULD
CALL SO...



...WE
WON'T
BE
HANGING
OUT
AT
HOME

HEY, YOU
WANT TO
TRY TO
CATCH ME?
THAT GUY
TOTALLY
WOULD HAVE
BOUGHT
US BOTH
DINNER.



TRUST
ME. I'M
SPECIAL
...

The next day, Wednesday...



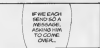
LET'S
DO AN
EXPERIMENT...



WHAT? IF
YOU DON'T
BELIEVE
ME, DO
YOUR
FINE. I'LL
PROVE
IT...

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?

I thought
he loved
me...



IF WE EACH
SEND SO A
MESSAGE,
ASKING HIM
TO COME
OVER...



WHO
DO YOU
THINK
HE'LL
RUN
TOWARD?



ME.

... ..
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THAT...?



OH
MY



SO, YEAH,
EXPERIENCE
HAS
TAUGHT
ME TO
BE SURE



AND
YET,
NO-KUN
CHOICES
ME
EVERY
TIME



LOOK..
WOMEN
THROW
THEM-
SELVES
AT SO
ALL THE
TIME..



BEAUTIFUL
INTELLI-
GENT
WOMEN.
ASK
YOUR
SISTER.



WHAT
AM I
WORRIED
ABOUT?



...HE'S
NOT
COMING

IT'S
EVEN
HALF
AN
HOUR.

WHAT?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WHAT
IS
HE
DOING?

CHERRY BLOSSOMS
ARE IMPORTANT.
EVEN AS MODERN
JAPANESE
CITIZENS, WE'RE
LOSING OUR
SENSITIVITY.
DON'T YOU?

WHAT?

WHAT?
OH, I JUST
WANTED
TO SHOW
YOU THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS.

I BLEW
OFF AL
SO THIS
BETTER BE
IMPORTANT.



I'M NOT
SURE
HOW TO
MAKE
THIS ANY
CLEARER.
I DON'T
LIKE
YOU.



IT WAS A
JOKER! A
JOKER!!
ONLY DID IT
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
SO GOOD
TO ME
EARLY!

WA
WA
WA

WASE
YOU SHOULD
ONE ALONG
WITH THE
FALLING
PETALS.
VERY JAPAN-
ESE, NOT



I'M STILL
SPECIAL
TO YOU SO,
I COULD
TELL JUST
BY LOOKING
AT HER.

WERE
YOU
LONELY
WITH-
OUT ME?



SO LONELY
THAT YOU
HAD TO
FIND A
LOOK-
ALIKE TO
DATE. ♪



I CAN
TELL
WHEN
YOU'RE
LYING...



LIVE!





SMACK



I AM
NOT
SOME
CHEAP
IMITA-
TION!!



I WILL
NOT
BE ANY-
ONE'S
STAND-
IN

I MAY NOT
WEAR
EXPENSIVE
CLOTHES, AND
MAYBE I'M NOT
AS PRETTY AS
SHUNO-SAN...
AND ON AN
EX-TREMELY
I GUESS I'M
WARNED, BUT...



AIEEE!

OH, DIDN'T
YOU WANT
TO FEEL WHAT
A REAL
SMACK IS
LIKE?

Anything
you can
do, I can
do better!

KNOCK
IT
OFF!



~~SO~~
KUN.



TWO YEARS
AGO, WHEN
YOU FIRST
SPOKE TO ME
AT SCHOOL...
WAS IT
BECAUSE
I REMINDED
YOU OF
SHUNO-SAN?



BUT
I'M
HONEST



I NEVER
ONCE
THOUGHT
OF YOU
THAT
WAY.



OF
COURSE
NOT
I KNOW
BETTER



...YEAH,
IT
WAS.

TWO
YEARS
AGO, I
WALKED
THROUGH
THIS GATE
AND MET.
SO-KUN
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...



WHY
HER?

WHAT'S
SO
"SPECIAL"
ABOUT
HER..?

I DATED
SOHUN
FOR TWO
YEARS.
COULD
I LOSE
HER IN
TWO
DAYS?

THE
M
M
T

WHAT'S
WRONG?
ARE YOU
JUST
GOING TO
STAND
HERE,
JUN?

UNTIL I
FIGURE
THAT OUT,
I CAN'T
LET IT
GO..

JUN?

I MAY NOT
HAVE MUCH,
BUT MY WILL
DOESN'T
COST ME A
THING NO
REASON
TO DOLE
IT OUT
SPARINGLY!!

I CAN
CRY
LATER
!!

Thank you for buying the tankobon!!

You're a sweetheart for buying the book when you could have read the story at the magazine stand for free!!
You're wonderful. Sincerely, I mean that. In return for your generosity, let me tell you a little about this tankobon, so that you feel like you got your money's worth.
First: the art is better. Look, this is how the art appeared. . .

(1) In the magazine.



(2) In the tankobon.



(Her skin is cleaned up, see?)

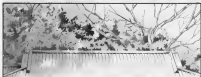


So much better, right?! Between the publication of the magazine and the time when the book goes to print, we have a chance to go in and make changes and clean images up for the sake of aesthetics. That's why you'll often see normal-looking bodies in the anthologies that look like they got a dose of steroids in the tankobon. (That's a trade secret, so SHHH!) What?! You'd prefer the magazine then? Wait just a second, dear reader!! This tankobon also has more original pages, and I've revised some of the dialogue from the serialized version. It's so much better!! (Am I the only one who sees that. . .?) Please continue to purchase the tankobon volumes!!
(I'm begging you with my heart and soul...)

doubt!!



Chapter 27



❀ Sô ❀

What a pain he was to work with...!
 Very stubborn! Oh, well. You can't control
 men like him, no matter how hard you try.
 Maybe that belief of mine was
 vainly and early reflected in the story...?





THIS IS WHERE
SCHOOL
LIVES. "

I know
the uniform
but not
respect

YES



THE
SHORTER
IT IS, THE
MORE
OTHER
WOMEN
WILL
RESPECT
YOU

OUR
SHIRTS
ARE TOO
SHORT
FOR
SCHOOL.
RESPEC-
TION
THAT'S
FORMAL "



SIMPLE...
BUT
FORMAL
"

SCHOOL
UNIFORMS
ARE
PERFECT
FOR THIS
SORT OF
THING!



DON'T
BE
SCARED,
ANA!

IT'S
BETTER
GO
HOME
AND
CHANGE

GRAB



WHY
DO I
BOTHER

RESPECT



C'MON

A-A, IT'S WEIRD THAT YOU'VE NEVER VISITED SO-CHAN'S PLACE... YOU'RE HIS GIRLFRIEND! GO GET A CAKE AND PAY HIM A VISIT RIGHT THIS MINUTE!

SERIOUSLY, WHY...?

WHAT?!



IT'S NOT THAT WEIRD SO DOESN'T LIKE PEOPLE GOING TO HIS HOUSE! IT'S FULL OF EMOTIONAL LANDMINE.

FORGET IT, FOR A MOMENT I WAS GOING TO GO.



ENTER THE POWERFUL AREA...



HEY! WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT THERE'S CURRENTLY SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN SO-KUN AND MYSELF...

WE'RE ASKING THEM DON'T WORRY... TRUST ME!

WELL, YOU MIGHT BE TOO CHOSEN TO RISK STEPPING ON A LANDMINE, BUT I GET THAT'S NOT...

WUPP







DID YOU
BREAK UP
WITH AI-AI
BECAUSE
SHE
WOULDN'T
HAVE SEX
WITH YOU?



UM...

It's
nothing...



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING?
YOU
DID IT!



IT'S
NOT
LIKE
IT'LL
MAKE
ANY
DIFFER-
ENCE.

WHY
DID I
COME
HERE...?
WHAT
WAS I
EXPECT-
ING?



WHAT...?
NO NEED
TO BE GOK,
WE'RE ALL
ADULTS
HERE. SEX
IS VERY
IMPORTANT
IN A
RELATION-
SHIP!



WOW,
YOU'RE
STINKY,
A-CHAN



WHAT,
YOU TWO
HAVEN'T
DONE IT
YET? HA



SPECIALLY,
I WILL HIGH
YOU GUYS
OUT,
I ASKED
YOU NOT
TO COME
HERE -

DON'T
TALK
TO ME!

HEY,
WANNA
KNOW
A FEW
THINGS
BEFORE
WE HEAD
HOME,
A-CH?



FACE
PAD



AND
LET...

AND

SHUKO-
SAN IS
WELCOME
IN HIS
HOUSE.





FIRST
ROOM
IN THE
BUNK.

I SHOULD
USE THE
BATHROOM,
TOO, BUT
FIRST...
WHERE'S
SO-CHU'S
ROOM?

OH, SO
STRAIGHT
DOWN
THAT
HALL, YOU
CAN'T
MISS IT.



HER STANCE
AS THE
AUTHORITY
ON ALL
THINGS SO
MAY HAVE A
DELL EDGE,
BUT IT'S
SHARP
ENOUGH TO
CUT A TO
THE CORE!

WHY IS SHE
ANSWERING
ALL OUR
QUESTIONS
?!



HER TALENT
FOR STEERING
THE
CONVERSATION
TO INTERESTING
MATTERS
THAT ONLY THEY
TWO COULD
HANDLE IS
REALLY SHARP,
HOWEVER.

SPEAKING OF
YOUR
ROOM.





BUT KEEP SATURDAY NIGHT OPEN FOR ME, OKAY?

HAVE FUN WITH AI-GHAN!

WELL, HE GOTTA GET TO WORK, SEE YOU LATER.

Ownership of her own library asserted

Displaying her confidence

UTTER



DEFEAT



WHAT? IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, SAY IT.

ARE YOU GOING TO ASK ME ASK, OR ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN?



NOT





HE'S
ANNOYING
ME...

OH...

WHERE'S
SO-HUN?

HE WENT
SOME-
WHERE WITH
TU-CHAN
WHILE YOU
WERE IN
THE BATH-
ROOM.

OH...



WHA!
OUT IT
OUT!

I'M
TRYING
TO FIND
OUT MORE
ABOUT HIS
RELATION-
SHIP WITH
SHURU!

WE
FOUND
SO-CHAN'S
ROOM! HELP ME
SEARCH!

HELLO?
ARE YOU
EVER LISTEN-
ING?

DO YOU
THINK
SO-HUN
CARES
ABOUT
SHURU-MAN
MORE
THAN ME?



REALLY?

AWH!
I FOUND
A PHOTO
OF
SO-CHAN
AND
SHURU
TOGETHER!

PAUSE





DOPE! /
I WAS
JUST
ABOUT TO
CONFRONT
HIM.

THAT'S
IMPESS-
SABLE.

I NEVER
CONFRONTED
ME ABOUT
SHUKO...
EVEN
WHEN IT
LOOKED
REALLY
BAD...

HEARD
THAT
WAS
FROM
SHUKO-
SAN

IF THEY
WERE BOTH
WORKING,
IT PROBABLY
TRY TO SAVE
THEIR BOTH
AND GET
ALL THREE
END UP DEAD.

AND IT
DOESN'T

WELL?
WHO'S IT
GONNA BE?
SHUKO-SAN
OR
ANONIM?



I MET
HER AT
A RITZY
PARTY
AT HER
FOLKS'
HOUSE

I WAS
GLAD
SHE
WAS
AL...



CLIQUE

OHAY,
I LOST MY
VERGILITY
TO
SHUNK...

DID I
MENTION
THAT?



SHE DIDN'T
QUITE
FIT IN.
SHE WAS
TOO
SPIRITED
FOR HER
OWN
SCHOOL

I DIDN'T
KNOW HOW
SHE VIEWED
BUT IT
REALLY
THREW
ME

BACK THEN,
I REALLY
FELT LIKE AN
OUTSIDER
AT HOME...
AND I WAS
INCREDIBLY
SENSITIVE
ABOUT IT..



HEY, YOU'RE
THE LITTLE
BASTARD
BORN OUT
OF TWO
COMMONERS
AREN'T YOU?

LUCKY
YOU
THE ONLY
CHILD
IN A
HONORABLE
FAMILY!



I HARDLY
EVEN
KNOW
HER AND
SHE
ASKED
ME...





SHE
HELPED ME
SOME-
HOW.

SHE
HELPED
ME.



A
LOT.



AND EVEN
IF I COULD
GO BACK
IN TIME, I'M
NOT SURE
I COULD
HAVE HELPED
YOU THE WAY
SHUNO-SUN
DID.

BUT
I CAN'T
CHANGE
THE PAST.



I WISH
TO
KNOW
YOU
THEN



THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE
I CAN'T
CHANGE...

I LOVE
YOU,
SO-RUN.
I LOVE
YOU AND
I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE YOU.





I
CHOOSE
YOU,
AL

OHAY

ALL I
WISH
IS HADN'T
FORGIVEN
ME FOR
CHOOSING
SHUNO
THE
OTHER
DAY

I WANT
YOU TO
CHOOSE
ME OVER
SHUNO-
SAN-
THAT'S ALL



YOU
WON'T
REGRET
IT,
MISTER!



...AND
THAT'S
HOW WE
GOT
BACK
TOGETH-
ER!!





...HE'S
LATE
!!

H

I'M
GONNA
WEAR
THE
CUTEST
OUTFIT
I HAVE...



ACK

HEY,
WHERE'S
YOUR
DATE?"

YOU
FOR
HIL

DO YOU
MIND IF
I WAIT
WITH
YOU
CUTIE?"



HE
COULDN'T
BE WITH
SHINO-
BUN...
NOT
TODAY

It must
have had
something
to do with
the library



THE
GUY
OF

I DIDN'T
KNOW
THIS WAS
A PICK-UP
SPOT. SO MANY
HURRY!



Doubt!! Backstory

Part 1

This was my first project as a professional manga artist and I didn't really understand the hierarchy. At one point I actually asked my editor some junk up a draft from my house (??) (I was crazy. That will never happen again.)

At the time, my place was a disaster zone. Not just messy—there was a hallway not just on the floor of the entryway... (complete with bad people) I couldn't get rid of it because of the superstition that says that a hallway isn't a good omen. Of course, I didn't tell anyone that because I'd rather they think I was messy than superstitious.

By then everyone figured I was a little crazy... before I could make myself felt up...





YOU'RE
JUST
LIKE THE
OTHERS!
JUST LIKE
MY FAMILY!
YOU DON'T
WANT ME
EITHER!



WHAT'S
WRONG
?



SHOULD
HE?
WHAT
HAP-
PENED?

I
THOUGHT
YOU
WERE
DIFFER-
ENT...

I WISH YOU
WERE ALL
DEAD.
I DON'T
NEED ANY
OF YOU
ANYMORE!













NO...
I CAME
BECAUSE
I HEARD
THE
WEATHER
FORE-
CAST...



IS
SO-RUN
WITH
SHINO-
SAY...?
THAT'S
WHY
YOU
CAME,
ISN'T
IT?



SHINO-
RUN,
YOU'RE
SO
NICE!



AH-
CHAN!!

I'M
SORRY!!



IT'S JUST
THAT I'M
SO BAD AT
LETTING GO...
EVEN KNOW-
ING THE
TROUBLE
IT'LL CAUSE
MY FRIENDS...
I JUST CAN'T...



I'M
SORRY
I'M
SUCH A
PAIN...





DON'T
LOOK
AT
ME...



JUST...
DON'T.

PLEASE

CRASH

THE
FORE-
CAST
WAS
RIGHT...
IT
RAINED



HE
DITCHED
ME
...



WE BOTH
GOT
WETTED,
AND MY
BRAND
NEW
SHOES
WERE
RUINED.

RICHARD
KUN
OFFERED
TO BUY
ME AN
UMBRELLA,
BUT I
REFUSED.



ALL
PROBABLY
NEVER
WEAR
THEM
AGAIN





IT'S OVER,
AS FOR
SOCIETY...



I'M
CHOOSING
SHUNGO.

SHE NEEDS
THE
STATE
SHE'S IN
RIGHT NOW.
I CAN'T
LEAVE
HER.



ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME? IF
THIS IS
SOME KIND
OF STUPID
Joke YOU
BETTER
TAKE IT
BACK RIGHT
NOW!



WHAT
DID
YOU
JUST
SAY
?!



WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY
?!



I
KNEW
IT,
BUT
STILL...



I KNEW
HE
WOULDN'T
KIDNAP...



GOOD-BYE



I LOVED HIM SO MUCH THAT
I COULDN'T
HELP
FINDING
IT WAS
A JOKE.



...
GOOD-
BYE.

double!!!

***Last
Chapter***



...SO THAT I WOULDN'T HURT ANYMORE.

✿ Ai ✿

As her creator, I want for her to be a kind of "everygirl" -- the kind of girl who lives inside of each of us. She took on a life of her own as we moved along, though, and after working with her for over two and a half years, I find it hard to say goodbye. Nonetheless, we -- Ai and me -- appreciate your kind support all these years.







I KNOW
YOU'RE
HEART-
BROKEN,
BUT IT
WILL GET
BETTER.

BEFORE
YOU
KNOW
IT...

YOU'LL
BE
LAUGH-
ING
AGAIN



I'M
ALIVE,
SEE? I'M
FULL OF
LIFE!!

AL-
AL-



HE DITCHED
ME AFTER
JUST ONE NIGHT
TOGETHER.
LATER I FOUND
OUT HE HAD
GIVEN ME
CHLAMYDIA...

HELL,
THERE
WAS
ONE
GUY...

I'VE
HAD
BREAK-
UPS.
TOO
LOTS!



**I DON'T
WANT
TO BE
JUST
LIKE
HER!!**

ANYWAY, I'M
TOTALLY
OVER
ALL OF
THEM
NOW...

SOON
YOU'LL
BE
JUST
LIKE
ME!



HIS MORE TROUBLE THAN HE'S WORTH.

SHIRO-SAN SAYS HIM PERFECTLY TO MEET WITH BOTH OF THEM.





KYOKA-SAN
CHIMARU...
AFTER I
MADE SUCH
A BIG DEAL
ABOUT HOW
SO-KUN
WAS NINE...

I
GUESS
I MUST
LOOK
PRETTY
FOOLISH
NOW...



AH

WTF
WTF
YOU
GOT
CLUMPED !!

...SEEING
YOU LIKE
THIS IS
MAKING
ME FEEL
SO MUCH
BETTER!!

HA HA HA
HA



WELL,
SO-KUN
CLUMPED
US, SO WE
KNOW HOW
IT FEELS...
BUT FOR
SOME
REASON...



TH-
THERE
HE GET-
TERS

SO
NOT
COOL

YEP.



PUR-



IT'S
NOT
FUNNY.



She I
saw
her
first

IT'S
JUST
GIRL
TALK,
DRAFT

I
JUST
KIDDED

HEY!
HEY!



I JUST
DIDN'T
WANT
TO
CAUSE
HER
ANY
MORE
PAIN



I
DIDN'T
WANT
TO
LIST
HIM
SON

I DIDN'T
THINK
YOU'D
LET
ME
DO
THAT
EASILY.

HEY

THIS
IS
SO
UNLIKE
YOU,
MADAMA-
SAM!



YOU DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE HIM ANY MORE PAIN OR YOU'RE TUCKING YOUR TAIL AND BRAILING BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF WHAT ANOTHER REJECTION WILL DO TO YOUR EGO?





STRONG-
ER...?!



I'VE
BEEN
LOOK-
ING
FOR
YOU!!

WHERE
HAVE
YOU
BEEN
?!



HEY,
LOOK
AT ME!
I WANT
TO HAVE
A WORD
WITH
YOU.

THEY'RE
GOING
OUT OF
THE
WOOD-
WORK.

USE A
SPEECH
BUBBLE
TO
SPEAK



SAKA-
RANO
?!







AND YET...
EVERYONE
ENDS UP
BACKWARDS
TO GET
WHAT
EVER SHE
DESIRES.



SHORT



SHE'S
BEAUTIFUL
AND DELICIOUS.
SHE ALWAYS
DOES
WHATEVER
SHE WANTS..

SHE'S A
TROUBLE-
MAKER,
AND..

...I'M
THE
GOOD
GIRL.



LIFE
ISN'T
FAIR.

Thinking
the world
shouldn't be
different.



I'VE
SUGGESTED
MOVING
SHIRO OUT
OF MY
HOUSE,
BUT..



SETTLE
ASIDE YOUR
INTERIOR
BURNING.
YOU ARE ONE
CRUCIAL BITCH,
BUT I KNOW
EXACTLY HOW
YOU FEEL!

DON'T
CALL
ME
THAT!

Only
for the
love





...SHE
INTENDS
TO TAKE
SŌ-KUN
WITH HER
THIS
TIME.



SŌ-KUN
CLAIMED
HE
DIDN'T
YOU-HEARD
DE SIDES...

...I'M
NO
WATCH
FOR
SŌ-KUN-
SAN

HEP

TAKE
SŌ-KUN
WITH
HER...?

H-
HOLD
ON!

I HATE
TO SAY
IT, BUT IF
ANYONE
CAN STOP
SŌ-KUN,
IT'S YOU.



THAT'S
EASY
FOR
HER
TO
SAY,
BUT...



Doubt!!

Backstory

Part 1

While "DOUBT!!" was being serialized in the magazine, I suffered many hardships both in terms of my job and my private life . . . It was difficult to draw high-tension manga while I was depressed.

But today? I feel so fortunate to have had the chance to work on this series. Some of you have even asked for a sequel. Maybe we'll meet again someday somewhere. ?
Thank you for the courage you gave me.

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Thank you all!







THAT
WAS A
MAJOR
LEAGUE
PITCH...



SHE
REALLY IS
SORREOUS.
I GUESS
I AM
A FAIR
BRITANNIA.

IT'S TOO
BAD WHEN
SHE CAN
GET SO
MUCH
MODELING
WORK
HERE...



WHEN
SOMEONE
DIES
FOR ABOUT
A WEEK TO
GET A PRIZE
FOR THE
FLAG...

THE
PRIZE
IS UP
TO
BRAD...

WHEN
SOMEONE
DIES
FOR ABOUT
A WEEK TO
GET A PRIZE
FOR THE
FLAG...





WHAT? I
I'M NOT
GOING TO
KIDNAP
HER!

DON'T
SO-ONN
LEAVE
TODAY!
WELL, SO-ON!
SO GET HER
HERE! TAKE
MY DUCT
TAPE!!



YUCHIRO-
KUN... I'VE
WORKED
VERY HARD
TO PUT
MY PAST
BEHIND
ME...

THE OTHER
DAY, SO-ONN
TOLD ME
THAT I'VE
BEAUTIFUL
HE'D NEVER
SAID THAT
BEFORE!



YOU'RE
SURE?



YOU
WOULDN'T
REGRET
IT?



I'M
READY
TO
MOVE
ON.

IT
MADE
ME
HAPPY
...



**LIAR!
YOU'RE
NOT
MOVING
ON,
YOU'RE
STALLED
OUT.**



**TRY
HARDER
!!**



**DON'T
TELL ME
WHAT I
WILL AND
WOULD DO
WITH MY
LIFE!**

**YOU'RE
GONNA SIT
AROUND
AND HOPE
AND YOU'LL
NEVER DATE
ANYONE
ELSE!**

**YOU'RE IN A
LOOP AS
YOU GO
ON AND ON.**



**YOU'RE SO
FULL OF
REGRETS
THAT
YOU'RE
MOVING
BACK-
WARDS!!**

**HUH
?!**



**WHAT
ELSE
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?!!**

**LOOK,
I CAN'T
COMPETE
WITH
SHINO-
SAMI I DO
MY BEST,
AND I STILL
LOST!!**



DON'T
GIVE
UP, AI-
CHAN!

...
BUT...

BUT...

...I'M
SICK OF
TRYING
HARDER



GO!!

WOO!!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHY I DID
THAT...

I HAVE
MY OWN
REASON...



WASH
FLIGHT

IT DE-
PARTS
AT 5 PM

YOU'LL
ARRIVE
IT'S ONLY
A YEAR



IT'S
TOO
BIG, I'LL
NEVER
FIND
MY
HOME





SHIRO-SAN'S TENDRILS...
SHE HAS NO
INTENTION
OF LETTING
GO...

WELL, I'M
NOT HERE
TO BE
CHAMPION



BE THE
PRESSURE

DON'T
YOU?



SO



SPIN



WELL



SHE
CAME
TO
WISH US
GOOD
BYE



HE
DIDN'T
EVEN
HESITATE



I KNOW
SHIRO
SAYS IS
SPECIAL
TO BE
SO ALIVE



I KNOW
I'M NOT AS
SOPHISTI-
CATED
AS HER,
AND SOME-
TIMES I
ACT LIKE
AN IDIOT.

YOU



...AND
SOMEWHERE
DEEP DOWN,
I GUESS I
KNEW IT
WOULD END
THIS WAY,
BUT...



**DON'T
YOU
WORRY
ABOUT
ME...**





I JUST WANT
YOU
TO BE
HAPPY.

...JUST
BE
HAPPY.



SO WHEN YOU
USED TO LAUGH
ALL THE TIME...
LATELY, YOU
NEVER SMILE.
I KNOW YOU'RE
FORCING
YOURSELF TO
REMAIN STILL.



YOU'RE
JUST TRYING
TO SOUND
STRONG.



I UNDER-
STAND,
BUT
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME ANY
MORE.



...IT
HURTS
ME
MORE
TO SEE
YOU
LOOK SO
SERIOUS.

...TO
MAKE IT
EASIER
FOR
US TO
BREAK
UP, BUT...



YEAH,
WELL
...



...JUST
ABOUT THE
BEST BON
VOYAGE
PRESENT
I CAN
GIVE YOU,
SO-KUN.

THAT'S
—



I'M IN
LOVE
WITH
THAT
GIRL...

SHIRO

SUCKER

BUT
I WAS
WRONG.

BECAUSE
INSTEAD
OF AN IDIOT,
I THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE OKAY TO
THROW IT
ALL AWAY AND
GO WITH
YOU 'CAUSE
YOU'RE A LOT
LIKE ME...

SHE
ALWAYS
ENJOYS
UPSTICK
THE
WORST,
BUT...

THAT'S
HOW
SHE
IS.

SHE
WON'T
LET
ANYONE
SEE
HER
CRY...

YOU'RE
WRONG.
SHE'LL
START
CRYING
AS SOON
AS WE'RE
OUT OF
SIGHT.

DON'T

SHE'S
GAY
SEE,
SHE'S
SMILING

NOW I
WON'T
ACCEPT
IT. I'M
THE ONE
WHO
NEEDS
YOU,
SOT!

I
CARE
ABOUT
HER
THE
MOST.

MY
ENGLISH
IS
ROTTEN
ANYWAY.

I'M
SORRY,
BUT I
CAN'T
GO WITH
YOU.

LET'S GO! IS
YOUR STUFF
STILL AT
SCHOOL? MAYBE
TEACHING AND
REPAIR ARE
STILL THERE!

All!

I CAN
LIVE
WITH
THAT!

GO! IF
YOU GO
NOW,
I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU!







THIS IS
FREAKING
ME
OUT!

HAS HE
GONE
LATIN
OR
SOMETHING?

NO! SO
WOULD
NEVER
SEE ANY-
THING
LIKE THAT!



I HEARD
THAT'S
HOW
THEY GOT
BACK TOGETHER...



HAPPY!

OH,
YEAH!

NORMAL,
BUT I
OVERRIDE

AND WITH
THAT,
LITTLE BY
LITTLE GOT
BACK TO
NORMAL.



WHY
IS
THIS
HAPPENING?

I haven't
gone
up on
Archaea
yet!

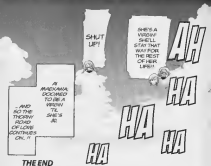
AND
NOW
SHE'S
COMING
BACK?

THREE
OF
THOSE
WITCHES
ARE JUST
ABOUT
ALL
I CAN
HANDLE!



I'VE
GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM
SHELO!

SHE'LL BE
BACK FOR
SUMMER
BREAK!
SHE'S
ALREADY
PLOTING
HER
REVENGE!



THE END